



**JUSTICE CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF
JUVENILE JUSTICE
POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

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**CHAPTER: Prison Rape Elimination Act of
2003 (PREA)**

**AUTHORITY: KRS 15A.065; 28
CFR 115; 28 CFR 115.341; 28
CFR 115.342; 28 CFR 115.381**

**SUBJECT: Juvenile Vulnerability
Assessment Procedure**

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I. POLICY

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) shall conduct a vulnerability assessment on each juvenile that will be placed in a DJJ facility in order to determine the most appropriate housing and program needs for each juvenile.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to each DJJ group home, youth development center (YDC), and DJJ detention center.

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 900.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. DJJ shall utilize vulnerability assessment documentation for each juvenile placed in a DJJ residential facility or a DJJ detention center that assesses the vulnerability of that juvenile for victimization, the juvenile's sexual aggressiveness, and the juvenile's propensity to be violent. The screening shall take place within seventy-two (72) hours of admission. The ~~and the~~ juvenile shall not be placed in a general residential area until the screening is completed. The vulnerability assessment shall be administered quarterly throughout the youth's length of stay at the facility.

B. The following staff may complete the vulnerability assessment:

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1. The facility Superintendent or certified designee;
 2. A counselor;
 3. The Treatment Director; or
 4. The Youth Service Program Supervisor (YSPS) or other staff in a group home.
- C. The initial vulnerability assessment results shall have a second level review and verification by another staff person. Each facility Superintendent shall designate another staff person different from the staff person indicated in Section IV (B) of this policy for the second level review of the assessment.
- D. The screening tool shall ascertain the following information:
1. Prior sexual victimization or abuse;
 2. Gender nonconforming appearance or manner or identification as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or queer, or intersex (LGBTQI);
 3. Current charges and offense history;
 4. Age;
 5. Level of emotional and cognitive development;
 6. Physical size and stature;
 7. Mental illness or developmental disabilities;
 8. Intellectual development;
 9. Physical disabilities;
 10. Resident's perception of vulnerabilities; and
 11. Information to indicate heightened need for supervision or safety precautions, or separation from certain residents.
- E. Information obtained from the screening shall be used in determining housing, bed, education, program, and work assignments in accordance with 28 C.F.R. 115.342.
- F. A juvenile shall not be given a housing assignment based solely on being identified as LGBTQI or sexually abused. LGBTQI residents shall not be isolated solely because of sexual orientation but may be housed in a single room, if the vulnerability assessment result is determined to be high risk.
- G. A juvenile that reveals a history of sexual abuse, is identified as at risk for sexual victimization, or as high risk of assaultive behavior, shall be offered a follow-up meeting with medical or mental health practitioner within seven (7) days. These juveniles shall be identified, monitored, counseled, and provided appropriate services.

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H. Each completed vulnerability assessment, with results, shall be placed in the hard case file of the juvenile.

V. STAFF TRAINING

- A. The Agency Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) Compliance Officer or designee shall train the facility Superintendent regarding the vulnerability assessment and this policy.
- B. The facility Superintendent shall train the staff designated to complete the vulnerability assessment at the facility.
- C. The PREA trainer from the Training Branch may also provide training regarding this policy.

VI. MONITORING MECHANISM

The Agency PREA Compliance Officer or designee shall conduct an annual audit to verify that each facility is conducting the vulnerability assessments and placing juveniles in accordance with the results of the vulnerability assessments.